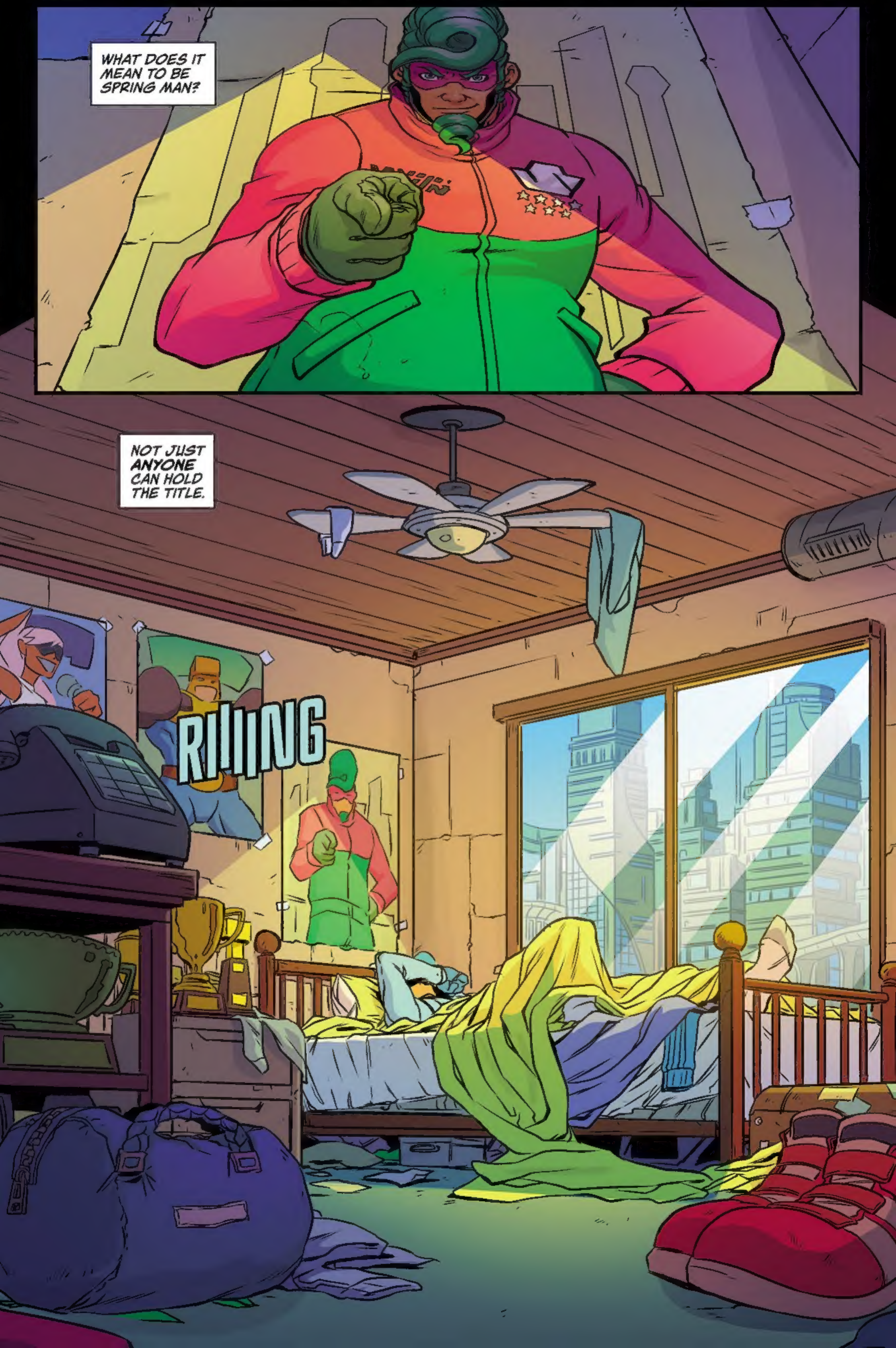



WHAT DOES IT  
MEAN TO BE  
SPRING MAN?

NOT JUST  
ANYONE  
CAN HOLD  
THE TITLE.

RIIIING







A street scene with people walking. A robot is visible in the background near a shop with a striped awning. A dog is on a leash in the foreground.

FOR ONE THING,  
NOT EVERYONE  
HAS THE TRAITS  
FOR IT.

ACCORDING  
TO ARMS  
LABORATORIES,  
ONLY TWENTY  
PERCENT OF  
LIVING BEINGS  
DEVELOP THE  
ARMS ABILITY...

A woman with purple hair, wearing a pink dress, is in a kitchen. She is holding a black pot. A large, orange, coiled arm is visible in the foreground.

THOSE THAT DO  
HAVE IT "ENJOY"  
THE RANDOMNESS  
OF ITS EFFECTS...

A close-up of the woman from the previous panel. She is putting on a blue mask with a white fur trim. Her purple hair is visible. The orange coiled arm is still present.

...UNTIL THEY GET  
ONE OF ARMS LABS'  
FREE REGULATOR  
MASKS.

EVEN THEN, NOT  
EVERYONE IS CUT  
OUT FOR THE  
ARMS LEAGUE.





BUT IF YOU'RE  
ONE OF THOSE  
FEW, YOU'VE  
GOT A SHOT  
AT A ONCE-IN-  
A-LIFETIME  
OPPORTUNITY.

TO BE SPRING  
GYM'S NEXT  
SPRING MAN!

SIX HUNDRED  
APPLICANTS  
ARE ACCEPTED.



THEY'RE PUT  
THROUGH THE MOST  
GRUELING TRAINING  
THE GYM HAS TO  
OFFER.

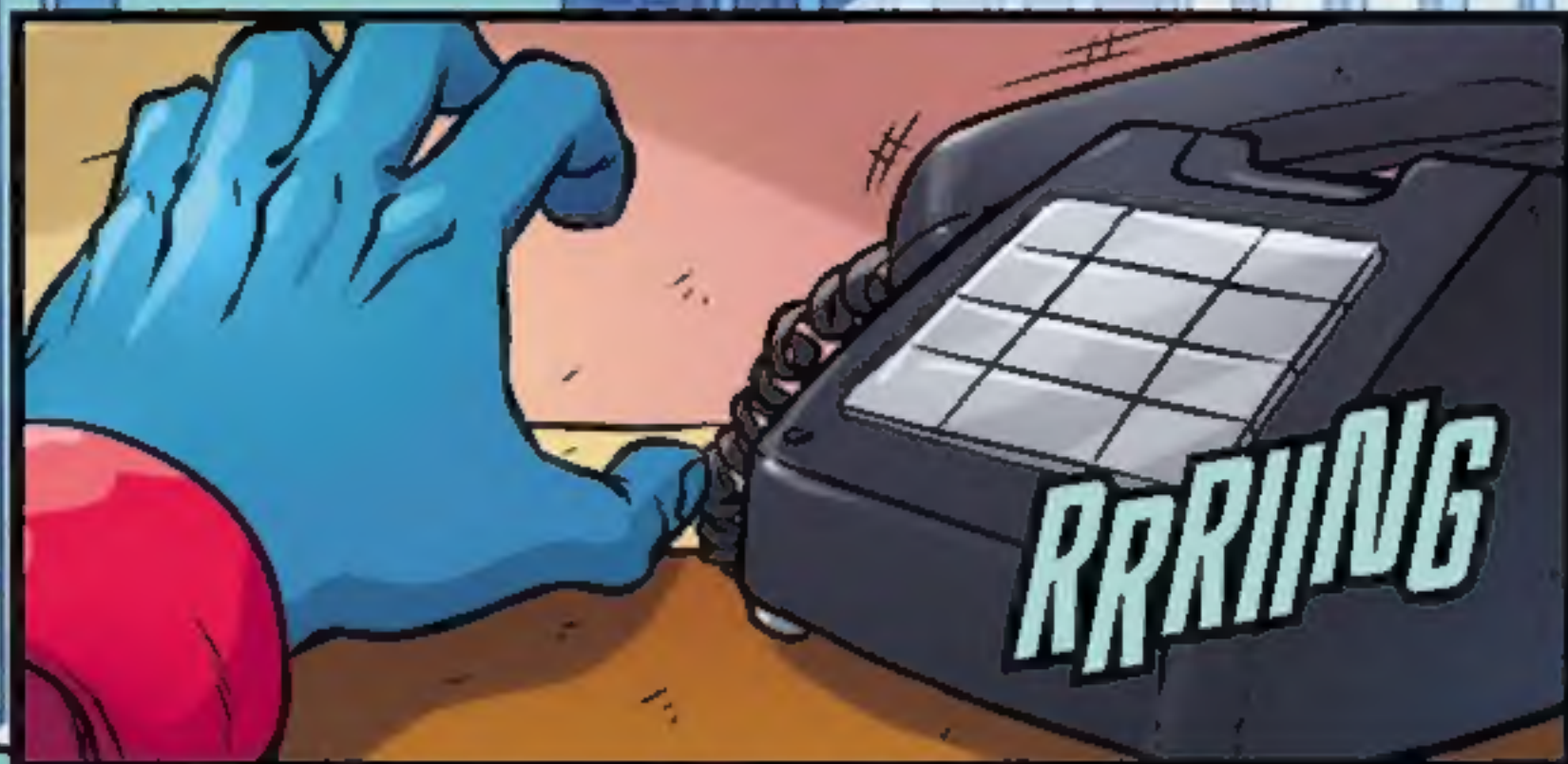
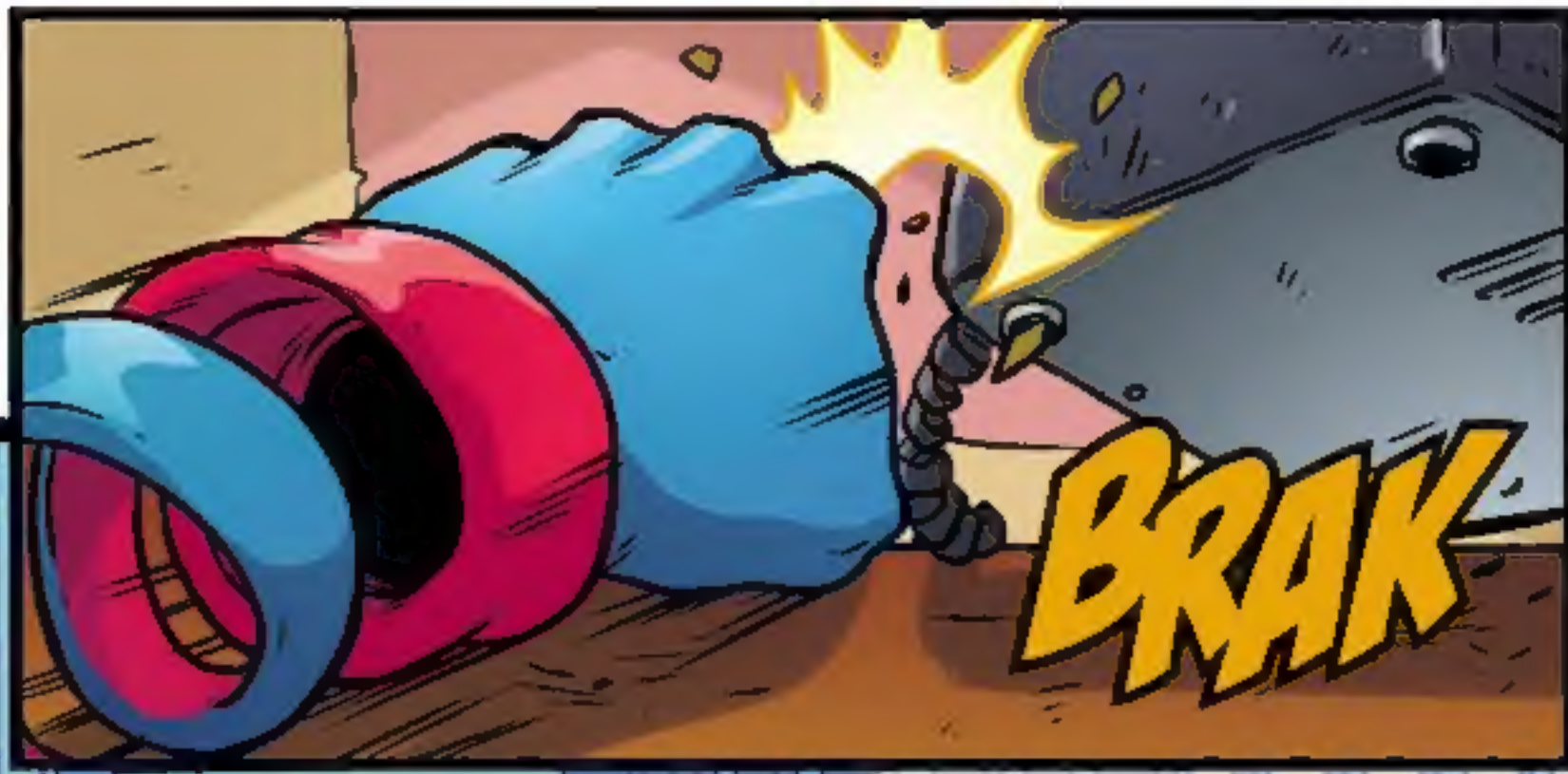
OF THOSE  
SIX HUNDRED  
CONTENDERS...

JULY  
12



...ONLY ONE WILL  
BE CHOSEN.





H'LO...?

RISE  
AND SHINE,  
NUMBER THREE!  
TODAY'S YOUR  
BIG DEBUT!



SO...WHAT  
DOES IT MEAN  
TO BE SPRING  
MAN?





HE'S MORE  
THAN ANY  
ONE PERSON.



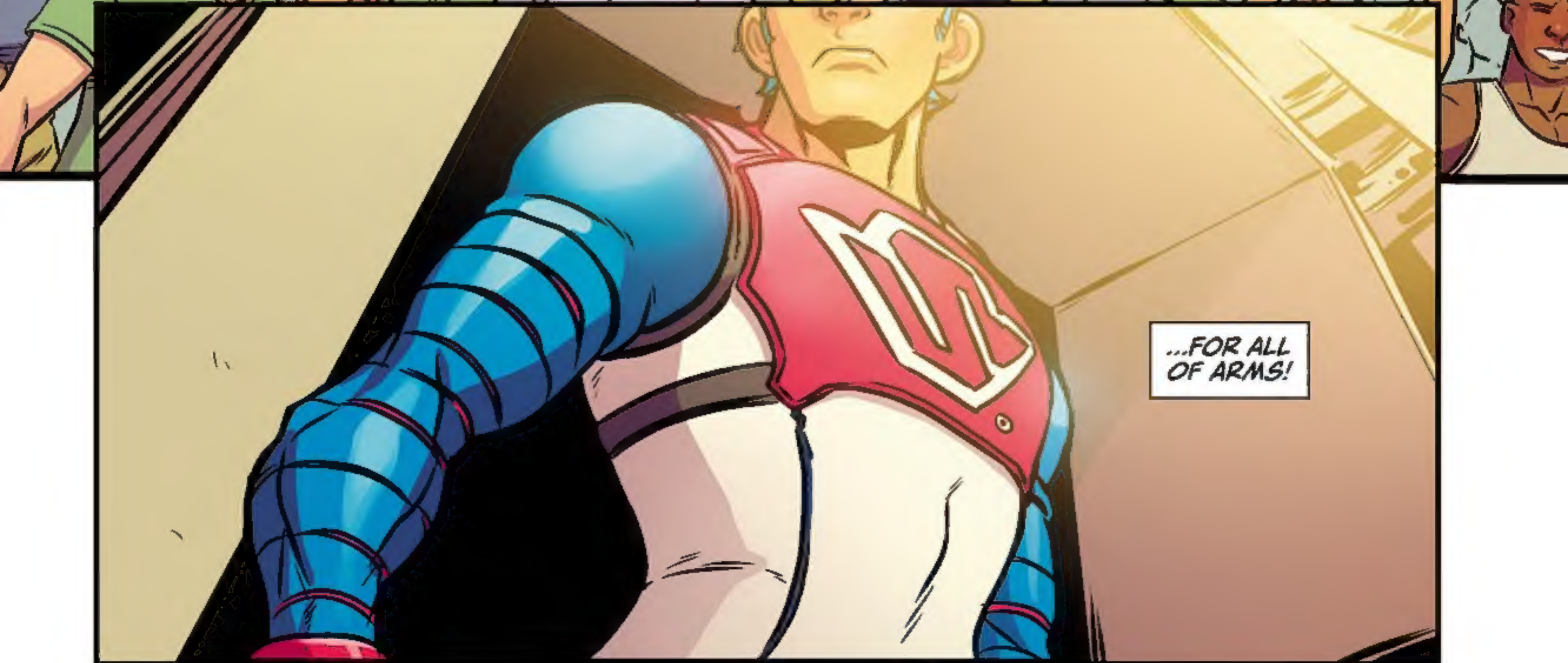
AND I WANT  
HIM TO BE  
MORE THAN  
A MASCOT.



I WANT HIM  
TO BECOME  
A SYMBOL...

LONG LIVE  
SPRING MAN

PUNCH DRUNK  
LOVE 4  
SPRING MAN!!




...FOR ALL  
OF ARMS!





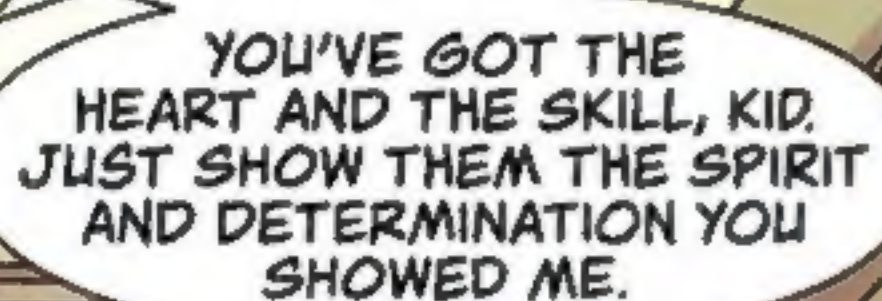
JUST LISTEN  
TO THAT CROWD.  
YA NERVOUS?



NAH!  
...HEH,  
MAYBE A  
LITTLE.



HA! THIS TAKES  
ME BACK TO WHEN  
THE FIRST SPRING  
MAN PASSED THE  
TORCH TO ME.



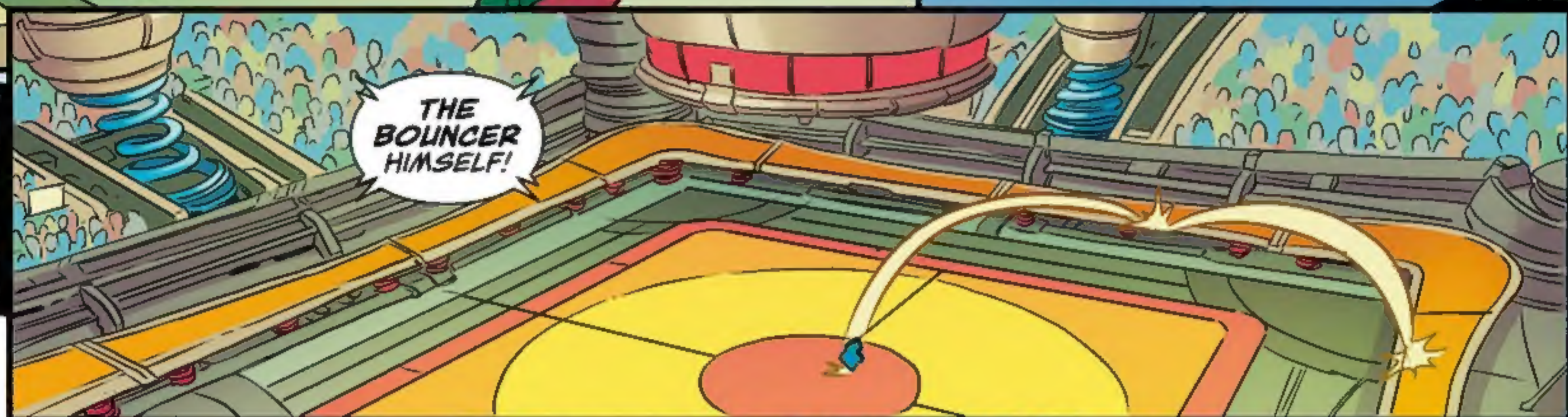
YOU'VE GOT THE  
HEART AND THE SKILL, KID.  
JUST SHOW THEM THE SPIRIT  
AND DETERMINATION YOU  
SHOWED ME.



THE  
CROWD'S  
READY. YOU'RE  
READY. YOU  
GOT YOUR  
CATCHPHRASE  
READY?











THE FIRST SPRING MAN ESTABLISHED THE GYM AND THIS STADIUM.

THE SECOND SWELLED OUR NUMBERS AND MADE US THE PRIDE OF THE CITY.



OOOOOOOOOOOOHHH!







"NOW--SOME  
PEOPLE  
COMPETE TO  
ADVANCE THEIR  
CAREERS.  
THAT'S OKAY,  
I GUESS..."



"SOME DO IT  
FOR THEIR  
FAMILIES. I  
CAN RESPECT  
THAT..."



"AND OTHERS  
DO IT TO  
CHALLENGE  
THEMSELVES--  
BUT I WANT  
**MORE** THAN  
THAT!"









LATER--AT THE  
ARMS LEAGUE HQ...

HEY,  
COMMISH!  
GOT A  
SEC?

NINE  
HUNDRED NINETY-  
EIGHT--SURE, BIFF!  
NINE HUNDRED NINETY-  
NINE--ONE SEC! ONE  
THOUSAND!

WHAT'VE  
YOU GOT?

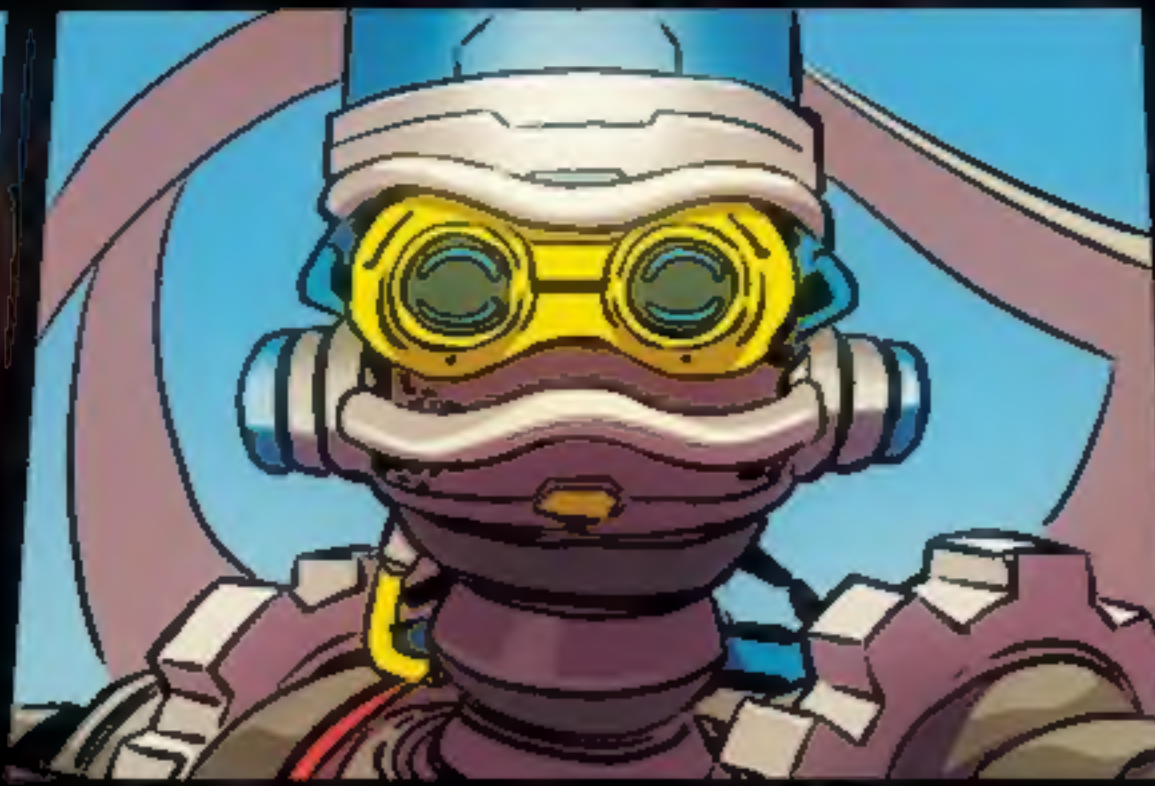
TAKE A LOOK!  
NEW CHALLENGER  
FOR THIS GRAND PRIX!  
HE'S CALLING YOU OUT--  
PERSONALLY!

WHAM

HA!  
I LIKE  
THIS KID'S  
MOXIE!

I  
TELL YA,  
BIFF...





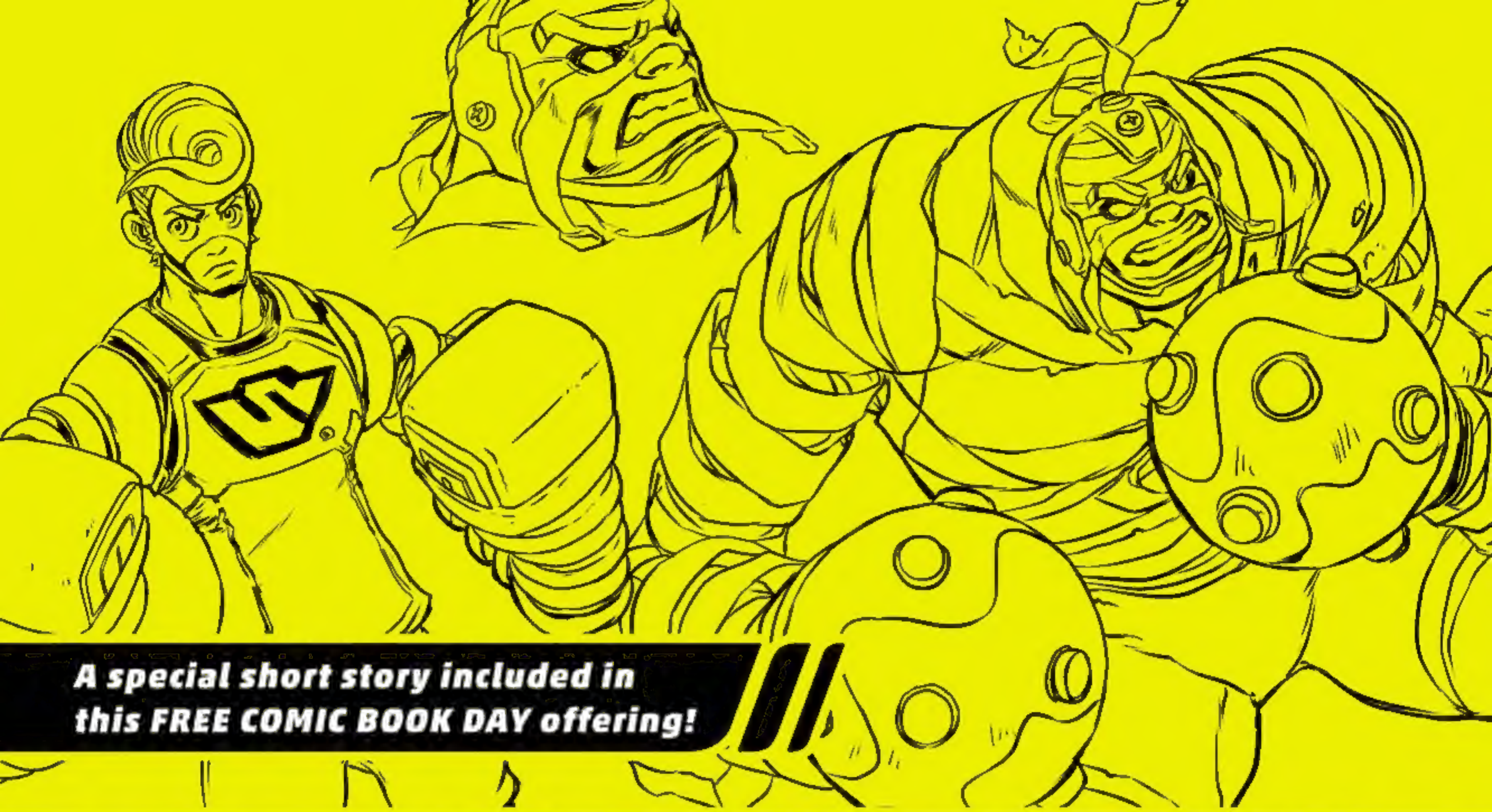
...THIS GRAND  
PRIX'S GONNA BE  
ONE HECKUVA  
SHOW!



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